

V. REMARKS

These remarks address the issues raised in the final Office Action dated October 16, 2008, and the Advisory Action dated March 25, 2009.

The Office Action objects to claims 7 and 11. Claims 7 and 11 are canceled and, as a result, the objection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification because of informalities. Because claim 11 is now canceled, the objection is now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wegleiter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,531,405). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 15-25 include features not shown in the applied art.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything

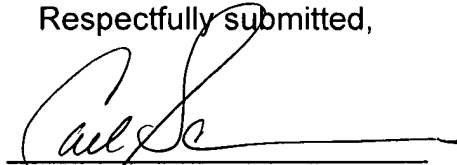
further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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